

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 28 April 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room A
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Council: **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Joseph Dowling, M.D., John W. Flynn, Gary J. Gaube, Wallace Gernt, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Robert Hamel, R.N., Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, D.C (Chair), Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Excused: Maria R. Gil

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D., Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

Staff: Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Michael Varadian, JD, MBA

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. Ms. Lapierre requested that the minutes of 31 March 2009 be amended to state on page two regarding the Miriam Hospital change order request that she asked the Council whether approval should be given for parts of the project for which the applicant did not have immediate plans to implement. Mr. Gernt suggested that the minutes reflect the members that make and second motions. The Council agreed with this suggestion. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 31 March 2009 were adopted as amended. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor and none opposed (12-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the *Report to the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Epoch Sleep Centers, LLC** for initial licensure as an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility to operate a sleep center in Warwick.* Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

Sen. Graziano made a motion and Ms. Almeida seconded the motion to approve the application subject to the conditions of approval. The motion passed by a vote of twelve in favor and none opposed (12-0). Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *Addendum to the Report of the Health Services Council on the Certificate of Need Application of **Rhode Island Hospital** for a Bed Upgrade through Construction of a Three-Story Addition above the Bridge Building, Renovation of the Jane Brown North Building and 10th floor of the Main Building, and Decanting of the Jane Brown South Building*. Staff summarized the change order request and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

Mr. Gernt made a motion and Mr. Flynn seconded the motion to approve the change order request subject to the conditions of approval. The motion passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0). Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Coia, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *Addendum to the Report of the Health Services Council on the Certificate of Need Application of **St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island** for campus modernization and consolidation of inpatient services from St. Joseph Hospital for Specialty Care to St. Joseph Our Lady of Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Hospital*. Staff summarized the change order request and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

Reverend Shire made a motion and Dr. Dowling seconded the motion to approve the change order request subject to the conditions of approval. The motion passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0). Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Coia, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

The Council discussed the issue of recusal and quorums. Dr. Quigley stated that he may appoint members to an Internal Operations Committee to address this issue and offer recommendations.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael K. Dexter